(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d) In India, Registered Medical Practitioners on a State Medical Register, authorized to prescribe medications or conduct surgery and registered Dentists can prefix 'Doctor' with their names. The pharmacists cannot prefix 'Doctor' with their name. Persons with Ph.D. Degree in any discipline can also prefix the title 'Doctor' in India.

Funds for upgradation of IGAS, Patna

†*410. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Bihar has requested for funds of more than Rs. 40 crores for strengthening and upgrading the Indira Gandhi Ayurvigyan Sansthan, Shaikhpura, Patna;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) No such proposal has been received from Government of Bihar.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Increase in Heart and Cancer Patients

†*411. SHRI MUNAVVAR HASAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the increasing number of patients, particularly of heart and cancer in All India Institute of Medical Sciences and G.B. Pant Hospital in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have any scheme for providing easily accessible treatment to these patients;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) to (d)There has been an increase in the admitted in-door patients of cancer at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rotary Cancer Hospital during the last three years.The number of admitted patients increased from 7953 in 1998 to 11222 in 2001-2002. There is almost no increase in Cancer patients at G.B. Pant Hospital.

In All India Institute of Medical Sciences, 6024 heart patients were admitted in the year 1999 which increased to 6712 in the year 2000 and again dropped to 6409 in 2001. In G.B. Pant Hospital 6413 heart patients were admitted in the year 2000 which dropped to 6133 in the year 2001.

Under the National Cancer Control Programme, this Ministry is implementing various schemes aimed at creating awareness among the people and for facilitating treatment and research activities. In addition to the above, this Ministry has a scheme namely National Illness Assistance Fund under which financial assistance is provided to poor people suffering from serious diseases such as Cancer, Cardiac problems and Renal disorders to those who are living below the poverty line.

Control on DDA

*412. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Government of Delhi has sought the control of Delhi Development Authority;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether there is any other development authority in the States which is functioning under Government; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Delhi Legislative Assembly in its sitting held on 18.7.2002 has passed the following Resolution: "This House recommends that the Delhi Development Authority be transferred to Delhi Government with immediate effect."